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## PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of ROBERT M. CARMICHAEL, entitled: **A BUOYANCY COMPENSATOR, UTILITY BACKPACK, TRANSPORT HARNESS OR LIKE GARMENT WITH ADJUSTABLE ONE SIZE COMPONENT FOR USE BY A WIDE RANGE OF INDIVIDUALS**, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/687,889, filed October 13, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/071,583, filed May 1, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,132,142, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/560,329, filed November 17, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,746,542, including specification, abstract, and claims totaling 32 pages.

Enclosed are:

Twenty-three (23) sheet(s) of [] formal,  informal drawing(s).  
 an assignment of the invention to  
 a certified copy of a application.  
 Information Disclosure Statement, [] Form PTO-1449.  
 Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.  
 Executed Declaration by the Inventors.  
 Preliminary Amendment  
 Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

**[X] CLAIMS AS FILED SMALL ENTITY**

Basic Filing Fee	\$370.00
Total Claims 8 - 20 = excess 0	x \$9.00 = \$0.00
Indep Claims 2 - 3 = excess 0	x \$42.00 = \$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	x \$140.00 = \$0.00
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**[ ] CLAIMS AS FILED OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY**

Basic Filing Fee	\$740.00
Total Claims - 20 = excess	x \$18.00 = \$
Indep Claims - 3 = excess	x \$84.00 = \$
Multiple Dependent Claims	x \$280.00 = \$
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TOTAL	\$

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